

EVENTS OF 1862.

Chronological Table of the Principal Events of the Year.

January.

1. Mason and Slidell leave Fort Warren for England in the British steamer *Rinaldo*. Gen. Stevens' brigade of 4,500 men advances to the mainland from Port Royal island to within six miles of the Charleston railroad, capturing the Coosaw batteries. Union loss, eight wounded.

4. General Milroy's command attack 750 rebels at Huntville, Va., routing them and taking \$80,000 worth of stores.

6. Four thousand local Indians are attacked in Cherokee County, Kansas, by a force of Texans and rebel Indians, and defeated.

7. A detachment from General Milroy's command, 300 strong, disperse 400 rebels in Tucker county, Va., capturing a large quantity of stores.

9. Burnside's expedition sails from Annapolis.

10. The rebels, under Jackson, occupy Romney. General Grant's expedition of twenty-three regiments and seven batteries depart southwardly from Cairo. Humphrey Marshall's rabble pursued by Colonel Garfield, and defeated near Prestonburg, Kentucky. Waldo H. Johnson, Union troops, expelled from the United States Senate, for treason.

11. Naval engagement on the Mississippi between the Union steamers *Essex* and *St. Louis*, and four rebel steamers, in which the latter are completely disabled, and seek protection under their batteries at Columbus. The Burnside expedition, comprising 125 vessels and 15,000 men, sails from Hampton roads for North Carolina. Hon. Simon Cameron resigned his position as Secretary of War, and was appointed Minister to Russia in place of Cassius M. Clay, resigned. Hon. Edwin M. Stanton appointed Secretary of War.

16. Cedar Keys, Florida, captured by our forces. Eight hundred rebels defeated at Iron Mountain, Missouri, by six thousand rebels under Jeff. Thompson.

17. Burnside's expedition reaches Hatteras Inlet, encountering a severe storm, in which eleven vessels are lost: Zouave, Pocahontas, Grapshot, Louisiana, Eastern Queen and City of New York. Ex-President Tyler dies at Richmond.

18. Battle of Mill Spring, near Somerset, Ky., between 3000 Union troops, under General Schenck and Thomas, and 8000 rebels under Zollicoffer.

20. Edwin M. Stanton enters on his duty as Secretary of War. Generals Schenck and Thomas attack the rebels at Somerset, Ky., drive them from their intrenchments and capture all their stores.

27. Gustavus W. Smith assumed command of the rebel army at Centerville. Beauregard proceeds to Columbus to report to Gen. A. Sidney Johnson. Rev. Bishop Ames and Hon. Hamilton Fish appointed commissioners by Secretary Stanton to visit and relieve United States citizens imprisoned in rebel States.

28. Gen. Burnside's fleet depart from Hatteras Inlet for Roanoke Island. Jesse D. Bright expelled from the United States Senate, charged with complicity with the rebel Government.

29. The rebel Gen. Van Dorn assumes command of the Trans-Mississippi Department.

31. All the saltpeter in the rebel States seized by the rebel Government; and forty cents a pound allowed for it.

February.

3. Captured prisoners taken from the jails to military prisons, Government having decided to release them.

4. General Grant, with eight thousand troops, lands within four miles of Fort Henry. The gunboats *Essex* and *St. Louis* open fire on the rebel works. Riot occurs in Richmond; stores, residences, &c., broken open, and four persons killed.

6. Commodore Foote's flotilla captured Fort Henry unconditionally after a bombardment of an hour and a quarter. Bill authorizing issue of treasury notes to the amount of \$150,000,000 without interest, and making them a legal tender, passed the House of Representatives.

8. General Burnside captures Roanoke Island, taking 6 forts, 3,000 prisoners, 2,000 stand of arms, and destroying all the rebel fleet but two vessels.

9. Elizabeth City and Edenton taken by General Burnside. Brigadier General Chas. P. Stone arrested, and sent to Fort Lafayette. John C. Fitzpatrick, financial clerk to Secretary Stanton, died in this city.

10. General Hunter declares Kansas under martial law. Our gunboats make a reconnaissance to Florence, Alabama; three rebel gunboats captured, and six burnt.

12. Price evacuates Springfield Missouri.

13. Fort Donelson invested by Gen. Grant, and the bombardment commenced. Springfield, Missouri, occupied by General Curtis, who captures stores, camp equipage, &c. Gen. Lander surprises a rebel camp at Bloomery Gap.

14. Secretary Stanton issues an order releasing, on parole, all State prisoners, except those detained as rebel spies.

15. General Curtis pursues Price beyond Springfield, routs his rear guard.

16. Fort Donelson surrenders unconditionally to General Grant; 15,000 rebel prisoners taken, including General Buckner.

17. The rebel Congress adjourns *sine die*. The Secretary of State suspended the passport system.

18. General Curtis drives Sterling Price from Missouri, across the Arkansas line. Meeting of the rebel Congress. Jefferson Davis elected President and Alex. H. Stephens Vice President of the rebel government.

21. Commodore Porter occupies Clarksville, Tenn., the rebels retreating to Nashville. Desperate battle at Fort Craig, New Mexico, between Union forces, under Colonel Canby, and the Texans; Union loss 200. Nathaniel Gordon, captain of a slave ship hung in New York.

22. Jefferson Davis and Alex. H. Stephens inaugurated president and vice president of the rebel confederacy.

24. Nashville occupied by General Buell.

25. Price driven from Cross Hollow, Ark., leaving his sick, wounded, and stores behind. The President takes military control of the telegraph lines. Bill in regard to the issue of the Treasury notes raised six per cent. bonds signed by the President.

26. General Banks occupies Harper's Ferry and Charleston.

28. Death of President Felton, of Harvard College.

March.

1. Richmond placed under martial law.

2. General Lander dies at Fox Paw, Va. General Curtis attacks Jeff. Thompson's "secret expedition" at Sykestown, and drives it into the swamps, capturing six pieces of artillery and forty prisoners. Columbus burnt and evacuated by the rebels.

3. Buckner and Tilghman placed in Fort Warren. Columbus, Ky., occupied by Federal forces.

6. Rebels under Van Dorn attack General Curtis at Pea Ridge, and are defeated after a three days' fight. The President transmits to Congress a special message, recommending gradual emancipation, with compensation to loyal masters.

8. The rebel steamers *Merrimac*, *Jamestown*, and *Yorktown* attack our fleet in Hampton roads, destroying the frigate *Congress* and sinking the sloop-of-war *Cumberland*.

9. The Monitor attacks and drives off the rebel iron clad fleet.

10. An appointed rebel commander-in-chief, Commodore DuPont captures St. Augustine, Florida, and Fort Marion.

11. The rebels driven from their works near Paris, Tenn. Earl Russell, in a letter to Lord Lyons, acknowledges the blockade effective. Commodore DuPont takes Jacksonville, Fla.

13. The President approves the new article of war prohibiting persons in the military and naval service from returning fugitive slaves.

14. Gen. Burnside captures Newbern, and from thirty to fifty cannon. Commodore DuPont occupies Beaufort, Ga.

15. Commodore Foote's flotilla leaves Cairo to attack Island No. 10. Newbern occupied by Commodore Rowan, and the batteries on the Neuse captured.

18. 250 Union troops attack and defeat 1000 rebels near Salem, Ark. Gov. Johnson offers a complete amnesty to all Tennesseans who reaffirm their allegiance. Jefferson Davis, in a message to the rebel Congress, recommends the violation of the parole. The rebel House of Congress passes a bill declaring free trade to the world. Gen. Garfield routs 5000 rebels at Pond Gap, in the Cumberland mountains.

21. Burnside captures Beaufort.

22. 8000 troops under Gen. Shields defeat the combined forces of Jackson, Smith and Longstreet, 15,000 strong, at Winchester, driving them to Strasburg.

25. Santa Fe, New Mexico, captured by rebel Texans. Washington, N. C., occupied by Commander Rowan's forces.

26. Battle of Pigeon Ranch, New Mexico, between thirteen hundred Union troops, under Col. Hough, and eleven hundred Texans.

31. Gen. Butler takes command of the Department of the South.

April.

2. Gen. Banks drives the rebel Jackson from Strasburg, Va.

3. The Senate passes the bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia. Com. Stetson captures Apalachicola, Fla.

4. The departments of the Shenandoah (Gen. Banks) and Rappahannock (Gen. McDowell) created.

5. Commencement of an attack on the enemy's works, near Yorktown, Va., by a detachment from the army of the Potomac.

6. The rebels under Beauregard and Johnson attack Buell and Grant, at Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.

7. The rebels evacuate Island No. 10. The battle of Pittsburg Landing renewed. The rebels defeated.

8. Gen. Pope captures Island No. 10.

9. Conscription bill passes the rebel Congress.

11. The bill abolishing slaves in the District passes the House. The Merrimac makes her second appearance and captures three small vessels in Hampton Roads. General McClellan takes Huntsville, Alabama. Fort Pulaski, Savannah, unconditionally surrenders to General Sherman.

12. The rebels, 1000 strong, attack Milroy, at Monterey, and are repulsed.

13. General Hunter confiscates and frees the slaves at Fort Pulaski and Cockspur Island.

14. Com. Foote begins the attack on Fort Pillow.

10. The President signs the bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia. Battle of Lee's Mills, near Yorktown. The rebels defeated.

11. The rebels attack General Smith's division before Yorktown, and are repulsed. The special Senate committee report on the abandonment of the Buchanan Administration.

19. General Reno, with 2,000 troops, attack an equal number of the enemy at Elizabeth City, and routs them. Our mortars attack the New Orleans forts.

21. Adjournment of the rebel congress.

22. The House Military Committee report in favor of iron-clad forts and vessels for national defense.

23. Surrender of Fort Macon, Georgia, to Gen. Sherman. The New Orleans forts silenced, the city taken, and eleven rebel gunboats destroyed. The rebels destroy from eight to ten million dollars worth of shipping, cotton, &c. Death of Gen. C. F. Smith.

29. Gen. Mitchell defeats Kirby Smith at Bridgeport, Ala.

May.

1. Gen. Butler issues a proclamation and assumes command of New Orleans.

2. Gen. Cameron vindicates his conduct as Secretary of War.

3. Rebels evacuate Yorktown, Gloucester, and Mulberry and Jamestown Islands, leaving ammunition, camp equipage, and over one hundred guns behind.

4. Battle of Williamsburg. Union loss 300 killed and 700 wounded.

5. Gen. McClellan takes Williamsburg and 1,800 prisoners. Municipal authorities of New Orleans arrested by Gen. Butler.

7. Battle of West Point.

8. General Schenck joins Milroy at McDowell, Va., and engages the enemy, without gaining any decided advantage.

9. General Hunter proclaims freedom to the slaves in his department. Rebels evacuate Pensacola and burn the Navy Yard.

10. General Butler takes possession of the offices belonging to the French, Spanish, and Dutch consuls, and confiscates \$300,000 of Confederate funds in their hands.

11. General Wool occupies Norfolk and Portsmouth. The Merrimac blown up by the rebels. Hollins's fleet attacks Commodore Davis's fleet, above Fort Pillow, and is repulsed; two of his vessels being blown up.

12. President Lincoln proclaims Beaufort, Port Royal, and New Orleans to be ports of entry after the 1st of June. Surrender of Nashville to Com. Furgat.

16. Observed as a day of fasting and humiliation throughout the South. Union iron-clads repulsed at Fort Darling.

17. Rebels driven across the Chickahominy at Bottom's Bridge.

18. Suffolk, Va., occupied by Union troops under Gen. Sigel.

19. President Lincoln repudiates General Hunter's proclamation.

20. Hon. E. Stanley commissioned as Military Governor of North Carolina.

22. Army of the Potomac crossed the Chickahominy.

23. Banks attacked at Winchester by 15,000 rebels, under Jackson, and retreated to Washington. M. President Lincoln takes military possession of all the railroads in the United States.

June.

1. Battle of Fair Oaks renewed, resulting in a repulse of the rebels. Gen. Fremont takes possession of Strasburg, Va., whence Jackson again retreats, and is followed by the Union forces.

2. Maj. Gen. Wool transferred from Fortress Monroe to the Department of Maryland. Maj. Gen. John A. Dix ordered to the command of Fortress Monroe.

6. Engagement between the cavalry of Gen. Bayard, and several regiments of infantry, and a force of rebels, in which the rebel Gen. Ashby was killed. Engagement near Memphis, between the Union runs and gunboats, under Davis and Elliot, and those of the rebels, under Capt. Montgomery. Decisive victory of the Federals, and surrender to them of Memphis.

7. William B. Mumford hung in New Orleans, by order of Maj. Gen. Butler.

8. Battle of Cross Keys, in which Gen. Fremont defeated Gen. Jackson, after a fight of five hours.

9. Battle of Port Republic. The Union forces under Gen. Shields were overpowered by the superior number of the rebels under Jackson, and retreated.

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October.

4. Battle of Corinth.

7. Fight at Perryville, Kentucky, between Union forces, under Gen. McCook, and 8,000 rebels. Occupation of Chambersburg by rebel cavalry under Stuart.

12. Rebel cavalry under Stuart recross the Potomac and escape.

26. Gen. Buell replaced by Gen. Rosecrans, in command of the Union army in Kentucky.

27. Army of the Potomac advances from Marysville to Virginia by way of Berlin. Battle of Bayou La Fourche, Louisiana.

November.

5. 6 Breckinridge unsuccessfully bombards Nashville, and retreats.

7. General McClellan relieved from command of the Army of the Potomac. Fight at Hartsville and Gallatin, Tenn., between the Union troops, under General Terry, and rebels under General Morgan. Colonel Moore's brigade captured by the rebels.

11. General McClellan quits the Army of the Potomac.

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